

## PROGRESSIVES FALL IN WITH THE FUSION IDEA

**I**HOLD Conferences With Associates Looking to Municipal Election.

### WANT TO NAME MAYOR

**R**EPUBLICANS ALSO Want to Name Mayor and New York District Attorney.

The Mayor of New York city, as a public official having to do with policies and patronage, is second in power only to the President of the United States. That premise is acknowledged by all politicians and others having to do with public affairs. Approximately in the city government over 50,000 persons are employed, and next year's budget represents expenditures of about \$192,000,000. With the Presidential and State elections out of the way there have been no end of conferences since election day looking to the nature of the contest to be put up next year by the opponents of the Democratic city organization.

When Comptroller Prendergast announced a short time ago that he favored a fusion with the Republicans next year on the Mayoralty and other municipal candidates he was opposed by William H. Hatchiss, then State chairman of the Progressive party, and by others in the confidence of ex-President Roosevelt. Mr. Prendergast had been the first notable Republican in the State to announce himself as a Progressive and as a follower of the ex-President's policies. This was early last spring. Mr. Prendergast, as a delegate to the Republican State convention at Rochester, where delegates to the Republican national convention were chosen, made a vigorous speech in which he specifically attacked the old stand pat policies of the Republican party and exhaustively explained the Progressive policies as advocated by Col. Roosevelt and the notable Progressives of the country.

After President Taft's nomination at Chicago, where Mr. Prendergast was a fighting delegate for Roosevelt's nomination, the provisional State committee of the Progressives was organized, and it was through Mr. Prendergast's influence largely that Mr. Hatchiss was made provisional chairman. Mr. Hatchiss had attended the Taft convention in the hope of influencing delegates to turn to Associate Justice Charles E. Hughes of the Supreme Court of the United States as a compromise candidate for the Presidency. Having failed in that mission Mr. Hatchiss attended the Progressive national convention at Chicago, where Roosevelt was nominated, and later on presided at the State convention at Syracuse, where Oscar S. Straus was nominated by a stampede for Governor. The administration of Mr. Hatchiss as State chairman was considered altogether too personal by many leading Progressives, and when a fitting time came he retired as State chairman and has been succeeded by ex-Assemblyman Theodore Douglas Robinson, Jr., nephew of the ex-President.

Mr. Robinson has not yet made known his views concerning a fusion movement with the Republicans in New York city against the Democratic city organization next year. It was stated yesterday that he will be largely influenced by the views of his uncle. But it is known that conferences of Progressives looking to a fusion with the Republicans have been going on from time to time the last two weeks, and it was stated yesterday that the former ironclad opponents in the Progressive ranks to fusion are modifying their views and that by the time action is required there will be a hard and fast fusion in all of the boroughs making up New York city.

This will be accomplished, it was made known, by the appointment of committees representing the Republicans and the Progressives. There are many true-blue Progressives, it was learned, who recognize altogether too seriously perhaps that the Republican organizations in all the five boroughs run third on election day, the Democrats coming first and the Progressives second. But the vice versa, the Progressives, city organization are fully aware, it was added, that no successful move can be made against the Democratic city organization without a joining of hands by the Republicans and the Progressives. There were Progressives who said yesterday that it would be with the utmost reluctance that they would ever consider by going into conference with President Taft or the New York Republican county committee or ex-Representatives Herbert Parsons or Michael J. Dwyer and Jacob A. Livingston of the Kings county organization or with the regular Republican leaders in the boroughs of Queens and Richmond and the county of the Bronx, but that the leaders of the Progressive movement made it perfectly clear that the New York Republican county organization is especially independent of the New York State Republican organization as presided over by Chairman William Barnes, Jr.

The Progressive opposition to Mr. Barnes is more pronounced than that to Mr. Koenig, and the Colonel's friends, while formerly very friendly to Mr. Koenig and Mr. Parsons, has been greatly nettled over their attitude in the recent campaign, but the Colonel's friends said last night that his feeling toward Mr. Koenig and Mr. Parsons isn't a mark to his opposition to Mr. Barnes.

But, as already said, the New York Republican county organization, as led by Mr. Koenig, is practically if not entirely independent of Mr. Barnes' organization, because, as was believed yesterday by some leading Progressives that at the present time a complete fusion will be consummated between the Republicans of all the boroughs and the Progressives on a municipal ticket from Mayor downward, including District Attorney and Sheriff and other top officers.

Mr. Koenig, along with his friends on the subject, was quite well aware of the present opposition of certain Progressives to a fusion with the Republicans on the municipal ticket next year. But it was Mr. Koenig's personal opinion that public sentiment would be the great arbiter at the time and that the public sentiment would force the Progressives to act in concert with all allies opposed to the Democratic city organization.

In view of the fact that the Republicans ran third in all the boroughs of the city and the Progressives second, not few notable Progressives believe that they could succeed in getting the city to May. This, however, will be stoutly combated by the Republican organization.

The theory of the opposition of the Republicans to a Progressive candidate for Mayor, as explained by Mr. Koenig, had for its basis the fact that the Republican organization controls the election machinery in all the five boroughs of the city, and that this election machinery is

## PROGRESSIVE PARTY'S PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

**D**ECIDES to Open Headquarters in Washington, With O. K. Davis in Charge.

### SOCIAL SERVICE BRANCH

Jane Addams Put at Head of Sub-Bureau on Industrial Justice.

The executive committee of the Progressive party wound up a two day session at the Hotel Manhattan yesterday afternoon. As Senator Joseph M. Dixon, chairman of the National Committee, summed up the work last night the committee spent its time making plans for a more thorough organization and division of the work for carrying on the propaganda of the Progressive party.

George W. Perkins presided at the meeting. Others present were Melville McCormick and Chauncey Dewey of Illinois, Miss Frances A. Keller of New York, who acted as Miss Jane Addams' proxy; Matthew Hale of Maine, proxy for Charles H. Thompson of Vermont; Walter Brown of Ohio, William Flinn of Pennsylvania; Francis J. Heney, proxy for Mayor Lister of California, and George Priestly of Oklahoma. Judge Ben Lindsey of Colorado was not able to be present. He is lecturing in the West.

It was decided that the party should have the candidate for Mayor, the former are discussing a candidate of their own, and up to the present time all their bookings are open.

In addition the Republicans feel that they should have the nomination for the District Attorney of New York county, and they rather favor the nomination of Assistant District Attorney Frank Moss. There is bound to be trouble, however, over the nominations of Borough Presidents in Brooklyn, those two Presidents have votes in the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

They can tie up a Mayor's hands and cause all sorts of obstructions.

The Comptroller will without doubt go to the Progressives. He is next to the Mayor the most powerful office in the city government.

Other important members are looking on. In the main they are aware of the deliberations of the Republicans and the Progressives looking to a fusion movement against them. But the concern of the Democrats for some time to come will be largely centred in affairs in Albany, and their leading men stated yesterday that it would be time enough later for the legislature adjourn to give particular attention to the city situation.

### RUST CAUSED STAIRWAYS FALL.

P. S. Commissioners Will Inspect All Elevated Structures.

The investigation of the collapse of the Long Island Railroad stairway at the Nostrand avenue station in Brooklyn on Thursday night, in which David H. Cochran was killed, was started yesterday morning by Public Service Commissioner Williams.

Engineers from the Public Service Commission, the Borough Building Department and the Long Island Railroad looked over the debris and decided that the stairway fell because the iron posts had been weakened by rust.

Commissioner Williams said that similar conditions had been found in the three other stairways of the station and he sent orders to the company to have them shored up at once. He said the commission would inspect all the elevated stations and stairways in the city.

The Long Island Railroad Company has given out a statement saying that the accident was caused apparently by the vibration of the structure loosening the connections of the stairway, that all the stairways have been inspected and shored up and that new connections will be put in.

### JAIL FOR RECKLESS CHAUFFEUR.

Violators of Highway Law Are Seared by Court.

Reckless automobile driving was denounced yesterday in both courts of Special Sessions. In Part V. William Woodward, 35 years old, of 592 West 16th street, pleaded not guilty to speeding on the West Drive in Central Park and was sentenced to thirty days in the City Prison. Marcus Rich of 92 Morning-side avenue testified to driving his own car there on November 16 and narrowly escaping Woodward, who was zigzagging across the road.

"One of the most important matters under consideration," said Senator Dixon, "is the preparation of a legislative committee with Doctor William Lewis of the University of Pennsylvania as chairman, consisting of the following persons: Dean George W. Kirkwood of Columbia University, Prof. Charles E. Merriam of Chicago University, Herbert Knox Smith of Connecticut, Gifford Pinchot of Pennsylvania, Prof. Frank J. Murphy of Michigan, Prof. George James R. Garfield of Ohio and Dr. John Cochemie of Wisconsin. The committee also hopes to secure the cooperation and advice of Dr. Charles McCarthy, director of the legislative reference bureau of the University of Wisconsin.

A permanent headquarters of the party will be maintained in New York, with a branch in Washington.

### SAYS MELLEN DODGES ISSUE.

J. B. EASTMAN INSISTS THAT HE DOESN'T ANSWER SHIPPERS.

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—That the letter of President Mellon of the New Haven railroad in which he makes answer to charges of discrimination against the shippers of New England deals largely in generalities and contains many statements which can be refuted from historical records is the charge of Joseph R. Eastman, secretary of the Public Franchise League.

"It does not seem to me that President Mellon's letter is in any sense an answer to the shippers who are complaining of the bad service on the Boston and Maine and New Haven roads," said Mr. Eastman, "and your criticism of the wasteful expenditures made by the New Haven of tens of millions of dollars in buying up the securities of competing steamship and trolley lines at grossly extravagant prices."

David O. Ives, head of the transportation department, Boston Chamber of Commerce.

"New England is a link in the through traffic from and to the West in foreign trade. Within New England there should be competition for the handling of this business."

### LIMOUSINE ROBBERS FLEE.

Blow Up Pennsylvania Post Office Safe, Then Race for New York.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.—Five men travelling in a limousine entered Consolations Park, early this morning, and after entering the post office, blew open the safe with nitro-glycerine. When the noise of the explosion aroused the town, the lookouts gave the danger signal and the bandits escaped without so much as a two cent stamp.

All the men were young, mere boys some of the people who saw them say, and after tearing wildly down Ridge road toward this city, they cut out across the country and took the Old York road and were heading for New York at last report.

Post inspectors who visited Consolations Park to-day obtained a description of those who were in the car and hurried to New York.

### NEW JERSEY NOTES.

Charles W. Roenbeck was acquitted in the Quarterly Sessions Court in Newark yesterday of attempting to poison his wife by putting cyanide of potassium in her coffee.

Clarence Cornish, 28 years old, of Millington, will be buried to-day, the day set for his mother's funeral, in Lakewood, N. J. He died of the effects of inhaling the fumes of cocaine in which he was dipping strung on Wednesday.

The Morrisstown Board of Education will meet to-day, which makes the appointment of a new superintendent and which the board will go out of office on February 1. One of the grounds of contention is that the law is unconstitutional.

Herman A. Berg, a lawyer of Jersey City, whose son, a member of the Morris County assembly, was arrested at his home, 208 Palisade avenue, yesterday, charged with grand larceny by Mrs. Anna Schulte of 122 Washington street, Hoboken.

A New Jersey divorce granted in 1885, Mrs. Edith A. step-daughter of Jersey City, said to be worth \$250,000, was set aside yesterday by Vice-Chancellor Eugene Day, of Newark.

Mrs. Percy Egan, wife of a prosperous timberman of Cranberry, committed suicide in her bedroom yesterday by shooting herself in the head with revolver. She was about 40 years old.

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## AMUSEMENTS.

### NEW YORK'S LEADING THEATRES.

EMPIRE B'way & 40th St. Tues at 8:15. Matinee To-day 2:10. French: *La Dame Blanche*. Theatre, Beginning Next Month at WALLACK'S.

NAZIMOVA In the play, *Bella Donna*.

NEAL MORSE, *FOR 3 WEEKS*.

MAUDE ADAMS *PETER PAN*.

LYCUM, West 45th St. Tues at 8:15. Matinees To-day Thurs 2:20. Miss *THE MIND OF BILLIE BURKE* *THE PAINT GIRL*.

GARRICK 5th St. B'way. *THE CONSPIRACY*. A new play by John Roberts.

Criterion OPENS THIS NIGHT ROBERT HILLIARD in *THE ARGYLE CASE*.

FULTON 5th St. W. B'way. Seats now.

EAST 42D ST. AND 5TH AV. *THE MIND OF BILLIE BURKE* *THE PAINT GIRL*.

THE YELLOW JACKET.

HUDSON 10th St. E. of B'way. Tues at 8:15. Mat. Today & Wed. 2:15.

MRS. FISKE IN *THE HIGH ROAD*.

PARK 10th St. & 4th Ave. Seats now.

Sext. *LINA ABBARANELLI*.

MONDAY, NOV. 27. *THE MISS PRINCESS*.

NEW AMSTERDAM 16th St. Tues at 8:15. Mat. Today & Wed. 2:15.

THE COUNT OF LUXEMBOURG.

LIBERTY 14th St. Tues. Mat. Today & Wed. 2:15.

TO NIGHT, 10TH PERFORMANCE.

MILESTONES.

KNUCKLEBOKER, 10th St. Mat. Today & Wed. *LAST WORD IN MYSTICAL COMEDY*.

OH! OH! DELPHINE.

MOULIN ROUGE.

ZIEGFELD FOLLIES.

GAIETY 10th St. COMMENCING THIS SATURDAY.

STOP THIEF SEASIDE.

GLOBE.

ATLANTIC THEATRE, 16th St. Dec. 27. 8:15.

KITTY CHEATHAM Seats now.

LAST 2 TIMES.

FRANCES STARR IN *THE WHIP*.

REPUBLIC 16th St. Sat. & Sun. 8:15.

THE GOVERNOR'S LADY.

PHILHARMONIC.

ASTOR 45th St. Tues at 8:15. Mat. Today & Wed. 2:15.

DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS IN *THE U.S.A.*

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.

LITTLE WOMEN.

MANHATTAN 10th St. Sat. & Sun. 8:15.

FANNY'S FIRST PLAY.

MADISON 10th St. Sat. & Sun. 8:15.

THE WHIP.

WEST END Royal Italian Grand Op. Co.

ATLANTIC CITY.

Y SAYE CHRISTMAS RECITAL FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

ELTINGE 10th St. Tues at 8:15. Mat. Today & Wed. 2:15.

WITHIN THE LAW.

IRVING PLACE THEATRE.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

FIFTH AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

REV. J. H. JOVENTI AT 11 A. M. D. D. O.

MORNING SERVICES AT 11 A. M.

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